Spruce Grove Composite High School

January 1, 2023

Seasons Greetings, Everyone!

With Winter Break set before us, now is a great time for students to take some time to relax and then dig into their PowerSchool to see whether or not they have outstanding/missing assignments or tests. It is also an excellent time to start reviewing for final exams. Once we return on January 9th, we will be hitting the ground running.

A New Grad 2023 List will be posted the first week back. Remember, if you are not passing your classes, you are behind in your AAC modules or your current program does not have a plan in place for you to earn all the required credits, your name will not be on the list. It is important that you keep up to date in these areas if you want your name to appear on this list so that you can participate in Graduation Ceremonies in June. The next update to the Grad List won't occur until Diploma Exam Results are released to the school in February. If you are not on the list the first week in January, please do what is needed to have your name added to this new list. If you are not sure why you are not on the list, please set an appointment with your Grade Coordinator or Grade Level Counselor to discuss. take a look later on in this newsletter for more information on Grad 2023.

The last day of classes for Semester One will be on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Please note, while this is the last day of classes and most exams take place starting on January 18, Diploma Exam Part As, and English 10-1/10-2 and Social Studies 10-1/10-2 Part As will take place prior to that. Please

relevant exam dates. The Exam Schedule is attached in this newsletter and is also available <u>here</u> online.

On Monday, January 16 and Tuesday, January 17, seminar is cancelled and classes will be extended to allow review and wrapup time prior to exam break. Exam Break runs January 18 through January 27. Semester Break for All Students is January 30 and 31. Two Semester begins on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. Seminar will resume on February 6, three days into Semester Two. The Bell Schedule for non-seminar days can be found here.

While Semester Two doesn't seem that far away, it is important that we all take the time to relax and rejuvenate over the next two weeks. On behalf of the Staff of SGCHS, we hope that Winter Break brings to each of you the opportunity for quality time with family and friends. See you in 2023.

Cheryl Otto Principal



Dates to Remember

January 9 - First Day of classes after Winter Break January 17 - Last day Semester 1 January 18-27 - Exams January 23-27 - Grad Pictures January 30 - PD Day (No Students) January 31 - Turn Around Day (No Students)

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SGCHS Final Exam Schedule - January 2023

Students should arrive at their exam location 15 minutes BEFORE exam start time!

DATE	AM/PM	SCHOOL EXAMS & LOCATIONS	АМ	DIPLOMA EXAMS & LOCATIONS
Jan. 11 to 17		English 10-1 & 10-2 Part A Social Studies 10-1 & 10-2 Part A French Lang. Arts 10-1 & 10-2 Part A (These Part A Exams are completed within your classroom & with your teacher; your teacher will communicate the specific day and block for each section)		
Jan. 12 (Thursday)			9am	English 30-1, 30-2 Part A (Small Gym)
Jan. 13 (Friday)			9am	Social Studies 30-1, 30-2 Part A (Small Gym)
Jan. 16 (Monday)			9am	French Language Arts 30-1/30-2 Part A (Small Gym)
Jan. 17 (Tuesday)	Last Day of Regular Clas			ALL Students
Jan. 18 (Wednesday)	8:30am	Social Studies 20-1 Part A (Small Gym) Etudes Sociales 20-1, 20-2 Part A (Small Gym)	9am	French Language Arts 30-1/30-2 Part B (Large Gym)
	12:00pm	Social Studies 20-2 Part A (Small Gym)		

DATE	AM/PM	SCHOOL EXAMS & LOCATIONS	AM	DIPLOMA EXAMS & LOCATIONS
Jan. 19 (Thursday)	8:30am	English 20-1 Part A (Small Gym)	9am	Mathematics 30-1, 30-2 (Large Gym)
	12:00pm	English 20-2 Part A (Small Gym) Mathematics 30-3 (Large Gym)		
Jan. 20	8:30am	Mathematics 10C, 10-3 (Large Gym)	9am	English 30-1, 30-2 Part B (Small Gym)
(Friday)	12:00pm	Mathematics 20-1, 20-2, 20-3 (Large Gym)		
Jan. 23	8:30am	Science 10, 10FI, 14 (Large Gym)		Social Studies 30-1, 30-2 Part B (Small Gym)
(Monday)	12:00pm	Science 20, 24 (Large Gym) Chemistry 20 (Large Gym)		(Smail Gym)
Jan. 24 (Tuesday)	8:30am	French 10, 20 (Large Gym) German 10, 20, 30, 31 (Large Gym) Japanese 10, 20, 30, 31 (Large Gym)		Biology 30 (Small Gym)
	12:00pm	Biology 20 (Large Gym)		
Jan. 25 (Wednesday)	8:30am	French Language Arts 10-1, 10-2 Part B (Large Gym) Social Studies 10-1, 10-2 Part B (Large Gym)	9am	Chemistry 30 (Small Gym)
	12:00pm	Physics 20 (Large Gym)		
Jan. 26 (Thursday)	8:30am	8:30am English 10-1, 10-2 Part B (Large Gym)		Physics 30 (Small Gym)
	12:00pm	English 20-1, 20-2 Part B (Large Gym)		

DATE	AM/PM	SCHOOL EXAMS & LOCATIONS	AM	DIPLOMA EXAMS & LOCATIONS
Jan. 27 (Friday)	8:30am	Social Studies 20-1, 20-2 Part B (Large Gym) Etudes Sociales 20-1, 20-2 Part B (Large Gym)	9am	Science 30 (Small Gym)
	12:00pm	Conflict Exams (Large Gym)		
Jan. 30 (Monday)	Professional Development Day - No Exams & No Students Attend			
Jan. 31 (Tuesday)	High School Transition Day - No Exams & No Students Attend			

⁻⁻ Semester 2 classes begin on Wednesday, February 1st --

From the Student Services Office

We trust you will have a restful break over the holidays to enjoy time with family, a good book, warm fires, outside activities and lots of goodies!





Scholarships!!

This break is a great opportunity for the grade 12 students to work on and apply for scholarships. Create your basic essay and then adjust to fit each scholarship profile.

- sgchs.psd.ca/students/awards
- scholartree.ca
- scholarshipscanada.com
- · websites of the school you are applying to

Exam Prep

A few days after returning we will be starting exams. Relieve the stress and plan ahead by:

- making yourself aware of what day you are writing (sgchs.psd.ca/students/exams)
- making study notes NOW and reviewing a bit at a time
- Diplomas? Need some extra prep? Check out Rock the Diploma or Alberta Diploma Prep





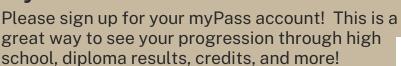


Support

Holidays can be hard but you are not alone!

- Check out the suggestions from Joel Pukalo in the Family Supports Newsletter attached!
- Mental Health Help Line 1-877-303-2642
- Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868
- Community Services Information dial 2-1-1

myPass



- go to mypass.alberta.ca
- Sign in with Education Account
- use PERSONAL email not psdblogs email
- watch this <u>video</u> for more information







Counsellors are here to help!

Come and book an appointment with your grade counsellor for help in:

- post secondary- help figuring out what to do after high school
- exam stress
- personal counselling
- and more!



Save The Date

Graduation Ceremony - Saturday, June 10, 2023 1:00 pm - Edmonton Expo Center

Our Graduation Ceremony will take place on **Saturday**, **June 10**, **2023 at 1:00 pm** at the Edmonton Expo Centre. Tickets will be sold in May; prices and sale dates will be announced in early 2023.

INSTAGRAM: Want to know more of what's happening with Grad, follow our Instagram page @sgchs_classof_2023

<u>WE NEED YOUR BABY PICTURES AND QUOTES!!</u> GRADS - Please find your favourite baby picture, scan it and email with an appropriate quote to <u>sgchsbabypics2023@gmail.com</u> Please remember to include the student's name in the subject line!

GRAD PICTURES: Grad Pictures will be taken January 23 - 27, 2023 in our cafeteria. All bookings are completed online at https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/1dqlkmce. Lifetouch Photography charges a \$25.00 sitting fee. If you require assistance please call Lifetouch directly at 780-437-2431.

GRAD LIST: Look for the latest Grad list posted outside the office window the first week of January. Please ensure you know your current status and are attending all of your classes to avoid any issues that may keep you off the list. Finish Semester 1 strong!

GRAD FEES: Parents/Guardians will now see the \$45 Grad Fee that has been added to your student's PowerSchool account. This fee includes:

- certificate and cover, that each student keeps,
- souvenir grad gown, vee stole, cap and tassel that each student keeps;
- 4 x 6 picture of the student at the Ceremony.

If you have any questions regarding graduation, please contact Mrs. Nullmeyer at cindy.nullmeyer@psd.ca or call 780-962-0800 ext 0.

WE'RE HIRING!



Educational Assistant

MULTIPLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

In this role, you would assist teachers with instructional and non-instructional tasks during class and with other school activities. It's a great chance to get involved in the school community and become a valuable part of the classroom.

APPLY TODAY

psd.ca/employment/current-openings





STRONGER TOGETHER

Parkland School Division Family Supports Newsletter December, 2022

Dear parents and caregivers,

Christmas movies, ads, social media, all tend to put added pressure on us to create the perfect holiday experience. Many families are feeling stretched financially right now. Often families are missing loved ones at this time and grief and sadness are also present. It is ok to feel the way you are feeling about the holidays. Remember to practice some self care where you can. One of the best gifts we can share with our family is creating great family memories and being really present with our kids. Play a board game - have a competition over the holidays, build a blanket fort and sleep in the living room, go tobogganing or explore a new hike outside.

Stay brave and kind, Vicky and Dena



Self Care submitted by Joel Pukalo

Self-care is essential to effective parenting. My wife and I have three young children under the age of five. Our lives are full to say the least! Due to the demands of parenting, we have gone through seasons of limited self-care over the past three years. During these seasons we feel more depleted and have more mental health challenges. Taking time to recharge each day is essential to live at full power and conquer the challenges of everyday life.

The first step to self-care and improving personal wellness is learning how to recharge. Living in wellness is only possible when you learn how to recharge and live at full power.

Finding recharging activities can be tough. There are many things that I do after a hard day of work that may seem relaxing but are not recharging. My default is screen time. Whether it's scrolling social media, reading the news, or watching a TV show, when I'm tired I just want to relax. The problem is that relaxing is not the same as recharging. In fact, some of the activities I choose in my down time are downright draining. Watching the news or scrolling social media is more likely to expend emotional energy. Watching my favorite TV show is pretty neutral – it's draining my energy but it's probably not recharging me either. Watching one episode is okay. But binge watching three to five episodes is likely to be more draining as well. I think there is a correlation between hours watched of TV and a decrease of energy.

So how does one find recharging activities? Consider looking for activities that energize, motivate, and inspire you. Typically, these activities help you feel more connected with yourself and more connected with others. Technology is not inherently bad. Sometimes *Facetime* can connect us with others and journaling on my computer helps me connect with myself. Technology is a tool. I get to choose whether to use this tool to recharge or drain my energy. My wife does not find technology recharging at all. She has mandated "tech-free time" recharge time at our house. I find listening to music on my phone and reading a digital book on my iPad to be very recharging. Every person is unique. Therefore, the ways that each of us recharge must be unique too. Let's work together to develop a practical game plan to help you recharge.

Recharging Activities

Assess: Write down your top twenty activities that energize, motivate, or inspire you.

- Put a checkmark beside activities that you engage in at least twice weekly.
- Put a question mark (?) beside activities you engage in at least once a month.
- Put an asterisk (*) beside activities on your recharge list that you rarely engage in.

Game Plan: Look at your weekly schedule. Write in one self-care activity that you will complete each day this week. Place a checkmark on your weekly schedule each time you complete a self-care activity.

Evaluate: Count how many checkmarks you obtained after one week. Set a goal for how many checkmarks you would like to obtain next week.

Assess Weekly Self-Care Habits: Write down a list of activities that you do on a weekly basis at home. Rank the activities on a 1-10 scale (1 = draining activity; 5 = neutral; 10= recharging activity). Here is what my activity list looks like. Feel free to create your own using this format or another format.

Draining	Neutral	Recharging Activity
 1 - Cleaning toilets 3 - Binge watching random shows on Netflix 4 - Doing dishes 4 - Watching a sports game alone 	5 - Vacuuming 5 – Watching a show while filing office paperwork	7 – Organizing my kitchen 8 – Watching favorite show with my wife 9– Watching a sports game while hanging out with good friends and having quality conversations

Reducing Energy Drain: Review the items on your draining list and organize them into the following categories

- Put a checkmark beside essential activities (i.e. cleaning toilets)
- Put a question mark (?) beside changeable activities (i.e. watching a show or sports game while washing dishes make this activity less draining and possibly somewhat energizing.
- Put an asterisk (*) beside unnecessary draining activities (i.e. binge-watching Netflix or watching sports games alone). For each unnecessary activity, develop a strategy to change or avoid the activity.

While rest is equally important to productivity, I find wasting extended leisure time on Netflix or sports to be incredibly draining.

Now that we have identified a list of recharging activities, let's carve out time in our schedules to make this plan a reality. How can we take time each day to prioritize recharging self-care activities? Our schedules are already jam packed with work, commutes, chores, kids, and everything else. We don't have time for anything else. Although many of these activities are important, they are like the sand that will always fill your life. If you keep filling a jar with sand it will keep filling up until it overflows. Most of our lives are overflowing with the sand of our commitments and obligations. These activities are important but they do not recharge us. Therefore, we need to identify recharging activities (rocks) to prioritize first before filling our lives with the rest of our responsibilities (sand). My rock time is recharging each night after our children go to bed. My wife and I prioritize ten minutes of connect time just talking and catching up on the day right after the kids go to bed. Then we often spend some time listening to music, reading, or watching one TV episode. Sometimes I work late or we have other activities that infringe upon this time. Last week we were busy most nights and were not able to take time to recharge. I did okay the first few days of the week, however, after five to six days of this, I was totally drained and ready for a vacation.

Recharging is not optional. It's not something we can do once a week or just once in a while on vacation. To live at full power, we need to prioritize recharging on a daily basis. To some this may not sound realistic but it's a pillar of personal wellness that is not optional.

Remember, goal setting without practical follow through is just wishful thinking.



Resources for Parents

7 Days to Less Holiday Chaos series - From Calm the Chaos

- Parenting Strong-Willed Kids During the Holidays
- <u>3 Tips to Navigate School and Holidays</u>
- <u>Conquer Bedtime Battles</u>
- How to handle triggers over the holidays.
- Unwanted Advice from "Well-meaning" Family?
- Meltdowns and outbursts increasing with the holidays?





Learning how to give back is a great gift to give our kids.

- Kids learn how to give back by watching us
- They learn important social skills which they carry into adulthood
- They learn empathy and kindness for others
- They learn it is OK to ask for help
- It teaches them they are connected to their community

Giving back does not have to be about money - it can be about sharing your time to help others.



Check out the printable Acts of Kindness Calendar for Kids at https://wondermomwannabe.com/random-acts-kindness-christmas-calendar-kids/ Or work with your kids to create their own.



It's the season WAYS TO GIVE





780-963-8583

780-962-7618

Hambers

the TriRegion

www.sgkinettes.ca

Hampers 4 Hope Parkland Pregnancy Support

www.parklandpregnancy.com

780-962-5505

Provides hygiene and household items, mom gifts and gifts specific to toddlers and babies.

Donate: Baby/Child clothing,

supplies.

Volunteer: Intake, sorting.

Yolunteer: visit website. Donate: monetary donations, local grocery store gift cards, new unwrapped gifts for children under 10, gift cards for youth age 11-17 Donation Locations: Available across Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, Parkland County and Acheson.

Kinsmen/Kinette Christmas

Food and Gift Christmas Hampers

for residents with modest income in

www.stonyplainkinsmen.ca

Wabamun Hampers

wabamunchristmashamper@gmail.c

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780-237-6135

Food and gifts for isolated families, individuals, singles residing west to Seba, north to Brookside, east to Kapasiwin

Donate: Turkeys, gifts for kids, grocery gift cards.

Stockings of Care NeighbourLink Parkland

www.neighbourlinkparkland.ca

780-960-9669

Stocking gifts for seniors and single adults who may be isolated and facing the season alone.

<u>Donate</u>: Adopt a senior or adult, provide hope and connection (item suggestions provided)

Volunteer: visit website.

Food for the Soul Community Breakfast Lighthouse Church

49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain 780-963-3110

www.LHPC.com

December 17 from 10 am - 1 pm to celebrate the season and provide food support to community.

<u>Donate</u>: Monetary funds, gift cards

or pantry item.

Christmas Day Dinner

Stony Plain United Church

5012-51 Ave, Stony Plain

780-937-6053 <u>doreen07@shaw.ca</u>

Donate: Monetary,

Volunteer: Dinner prep, serving.

Christmas Kettle Campaign Salvation Army

780-458-1937

Supports local residents with basic needs help such as rent, food,

clothing.

Volunteer: Bell Ringer

Giving Tree / Toy Mountain Spruce Grove Public Library 35 5 Ave (King Street Mall)

780-962-4423

www.sgpl.ca

Under this tree sits a giving bowl. In the Indigenous way, giving is the same as receiving. If you care about others, everything you give returns to you – a beautiful circle in life. *Accepting donations for Kinsmen/Kinette hampers

Donate: Meaningful and useful items. No perishable items.

Mitten Tree

Stony Plain Public Library

5216 50 Street 780-963-5440

www.mysppl.ca

Place a gift on the tree to be donated to a person in need. *Accepting donations for Kinsmen/Kinette hampers **Donate**: Homemade and storebought mittens, toques, scarves, socks, children's gifts, monetary

donations, gently-used winter clothing and blankets.

Coats for Kids apfa

5600 50 St, Stony Plain 780-963-0549

Open year round, free store for donated coats, boots, winter

accessories.

Donate: Gently-used winter wear, all sizes (kids-adult).



Great resources and activities for kids and families





A Free Christmas Dinner

Dinner is available on December 25th, 2022 in Stony Plain for anyone who would be alone or unable to have a Christmas Dinner!

They are asking for an RSVP by 8pm December 24, 2022.

You can RSVP by:

emailing doreen07@shaw.ca

Or

Texting/ calling 780-937-6053.

Parenting for the Future - APFA Check out Alberta Parenting For The Future for great parenting sessions and lots of programs for kids and teens. For more information email info@apfa.ca or call 780-963-0549. http://albertaparenting.ca/

COATS FOR KIDS - Winter is coming and APFA can help! For more information call 780-963-0549



Parkland Village Youth Group

December 21 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

[Recurring Event (See all)



The group is for youth in Grades 5, 6, 7, & 8.

Each week the group will look at how to make healthy lifestyle choices in a fun and engaging environment. Youth will participate in a physical activity and a cooking activity meant to support lifelong health.

Register here



Check out the programs offered at the Stony Plain Youth Centre -

The Gear - Drop-In Workshop In addition to the formal weekly registered programming, the Gear strives to be a hub for bike activity in Stony Plain. Youth are welcome to bring in and work on their own bikes under the guidance of staff during drop-in shop hours. If youth do not have a bike they are welcome to come and learn by disassembling some of the bikes in the shop. The 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month beginning September 13th 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Stony Plain Youth Centre 4902 – 51 Avenue Free, Drop-ins welcome

Looking for some free fun over the holidays?



Check out 11 Family Friendly Toboggan Hills in Edmonton + Area

https://justanotheredmontonmommy.com/2016/12/friendly-toboggan-hills-edmonton-yegkids/

How about free family skating?



(check out free sports equipment for kids at https://www.sportcentral.org/)

- → Stony Plain has five outdoor rinks for free skating and casual shinny every day of the week during the winter (weather dependent) check the outdoor rink schedules here.
 - → Check out outdoor rinks in Spruce Grove

https://www.sprucegrove.org/community/sports-recreation/ice-surfaces-outdoor/

→ If you want to go somewhere different take a look at the best free outdoor skating trails around Edmonton https://www.todocanada.ca/15-of-the-best-outdoor-skating-trails-in-and-around-edmonton/



Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta - Edmonton Chapter

The Child Social Skills Program

Our groups specialize in children with ADHD, ASD, Tourette's and Learning Disabilities but all are welcome!

The aim of the program is to encourage friendship, positive social/emotional behaviors, active listening, effective communication, and comprehension of social norms.

Help in understanding non-verbal communication, body language, and unspoken social rules

Promote self-esteem and build confidence

Help participants develop social skills, life skills, and problem-solving strategies, including conversation and basic interaction skill Children between the ages of 8-12 years can register for this 8 week program.

Running Sunday mornings from 9:30am - 12:00pm starting January 22, 2023 - March 19, 2023 No Group February 19, 2023

All sessions take place at Inglewood Community Hall, 12525-116 Ave. Edmonton

Some families are able to obtain FSCD (Family Support for Children with Disabilities) funding for their child to attend this group depending on the determined needs of their child.

Contact your FSCD worker to see if your child qualifies. LDEdmonton's FSCD number is 020051257

Cost of Social Skills Group is \$300.00

780-466-1011

info@ldedmonton.com

Teen Social Skills Group Ages 13-17 years

Our groups specialize in children with ADHD, ASD, Tourette's and Learning Disabilities but all are welcome!

The aim of the program is to encourage friendship, positive social/emotional behaviors, active listening, effective communication, and comprehension of social norms.

Help in understanding non-verbal communication, body language, and unspoken social rules

Promote self-esteem and build confidence

Help participants develop social skills, life skills, and problem-solving strategies, including conversation and basic interaction skill Youth between the ages of 13-17 years can register for this 8 week program. Running Sunday afternoons from 1:00pm -3:30pm starting January 22, 2023 – March 19, 2023. No Group February 19, 2023

All sessions take place at Inglewood Community Hall, 12525-116 Ave. Edmonton

Some families are able to obtain FSCD (Family Support for Children with Disabilities) funding for their child to attend this group depending on the determined needs of their child. Contact your FSCD worker to see if your child qualifies. LDEdmonton's FSCD number is 020051257

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DECEMBER READER

Donate to the Capital Campaign Fund to help pay for our beautiful new library! Donations can be made at mysppl.ca/support-sppl/donations through



Stony Plain Library appreciates the support it receives from community organizations and individuals.

Program and Event Highlights: see calendar (page 2) for full list of programs

Board Game Night

All ages Drop In Mondays 6:00-8:00pm

Board game night is BACK! Come with your friends or come make new friends! Board games will be supplied or you can bring your own.

Stony Plain Photo Club

Ages 13+ Register First Thursday Of The Month 6:30-8:00pm
All experienced and inexperienced photographers are welcome. Share your photos and learn new skills.

Laughter Club

Adults Drop In Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm

Come have a laugh with our therapeutic laughter coach! Laughter Club is a fun, light-hearted way to reduce stress and meet new people through the art of laughing. Laughter delivers numerous mental and physical health benefits!

Stony Plain Queer Straight Alliance

Ages 13+ Drop In Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm

Join our Queer-Straight Alliance for resources and fun activities! All are welcome, no matter your gender identity or sexual orientation.

Connect ♦ Engage ♦ Discover

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1pm Craft Circle 3:30 Laughter Club 4:30 Drama Club 6:30 Stony Plain Photo Club	2 10:10 Toddler Story- time 11am Preschool/ Kindergarten Story- time 2:30pm Tai Chi	3
5 11am Yoga for Seniors 6pm Board Game	4pm Chess Club 4pm Lego Mindstorms 5pm Teen Tuesdays 6pm QSA	7 1:15pm Read Play Move 3:30 Nintendo Switch Gaming 4:30 Kids Can Cook	8 1pm Craft Circle 3:30 Laughter Club 4:30 Entertainment Engineers	9 10:10 Toddler Story- time 11am Preschool/ Kindergarten Story- time 2:30pm Tai Chi	10
12 11am Yoga for Seniors 6pm Board Game	4pm Chess Club 4pm Lego Mindstorms 6pm QSA	14 1:15pm Read Play Move 3:30 Nintendo Switch Gaming 4:30 Tale of Two Cities	15 1pm Craft Circle 3:30 Laughter Club 4:30 Insightful Innovations	16 10:10 Toddler Story- time 11am Preschool/ Kindergarten Story- time 1:30pm Fri Afternoon Book Club 2:30pm Tai Chi 5pm Teen Book Club	17 11:30am D&D Club
19 11am Yoga for Seniors 6pm Board Game	4pm Chess Club 4pm Lego Mindstorms 5pm Teen Tuesdays 6pm QSA 7pm QSA Movie	21 1:15pm Read Play Move 3:30 Nintendo Switch Gaming 4:30 Kids Can Cook	22 1pm Craft Circle 3:30 Laughter Club 4:30 Makerspace Magic 6:30 Parkland Poets	23 10:10 Toddler Story- time 11am Preschool/ Kindergarten Story- time 2:30pm Tai Chi	24 Christmas Eve Library Open 11am-2pm
26 Boxing Day CLOSED	27 CLOSED (Day In Lieu Of Christmas Day)	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Library Open 11am-2pm



We have so much happening at the Spruce Grove Public Library that may be of interest to your students we wanted to share it with your school!

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• Did you know we offer **Library Tours and Outreach Visits** to your school or organisation?

Get more information and how to book a visit right here: https://sgpl.ca/services/outreach-visits

Winter Holidays Celebration!

This December join SGPL for a special event. We will be offering a variety of activities, such as seasonal Take & Make Kits*.

Also be sure to join us for in-person and online storytimes, crafts, activities, and resources to celebrate winter holidays from across the world.

Everyone is welcome! For full list of activities and events:

https://sgpl.ca/programs/events/winter-holidays-celebration

Furry Friend Visit

Spend time with a pet therapy \log^* - read together or just spend some time relaxing with a new friend. Last visit this season is 6 December.

*Meet Starla - she is a Standard Phantom Poodle, who is non-shedding and hypoallergenic

• Talking Circles Last Thursday of the month. Next one will be Thursday 14 December 5:30-8pm.

Join our Talking Circles as we share various gifts, wisdom, stories and teachings from our local Indigenous community and neighbors. Listen deeply with a profound opportunity to understand, learn and establish a sense of community in a safe sacred space. Gain a mutual understanding of one another regardless of our various backgrounds. Refreshments will be provided. The Talking Circle is mostly suited for older children and adults, but all community members are welcome to attend this free event.

Drop-In: https://sgpl.ca/programs/programs/fall-programs-indigenous

Winter 2023 Programs

Want to know what is coming up next season?

Find out more and to register (registration opens Tuesday 13 December):

https://sgpl.ca/programs/events/calendar

• Did you know we have **Gadgets and Gizmos Galore** you can borrow with a library card?

Check out all of the kits, backpacks and tabletop games you can borrow right here:

https://sgpl.ca/services/resources-available

Don't forget we also have lots of resources to support education, whether in the classroom or at home learning.

New program **Homeschool Meetup** will be commencing in January:

https://sgpl.ca/programs/homeschooling



December 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* = Registered/ In-person program ** = Registered/ Online/Hybrid program * = Online program	-		·	I Community Craft (while supplies last) Winter Holidays Celebration! Begins Winter Solstice Giving Tree Tech Bowl 12-5pm	Teen Hangout 3-5pm Full STEAM Ahead 4:30- 5:30pm®	3 Tech Bowl 1-5pm
4	5	6 Coffee and Cards 1-3pm Furry Friend Visit 3:30-4:30pm [®]	7	8 Holiday Rock Painting 3:30- 4:30pm [®]	9 Cyber Tales: Storytime for Big Kids 4pm [®]	IO Yap and Wrap Party 1-2pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm®
II	12	Program registration opens for next season (winter 2023) Outdoor Nature Storytime 10:30-11am Coffee and Cards 1-3pm	14 Talking Circle 5:30-8:00pm AHS Injury Prevention—Winter Safety 6-7pm®	5 Taste the World Club 7-8pm ^{®®}	16	17
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25 STAT HOLIDAY: Christmas Day	26 STAT HOLIDAY: Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31

Yap and Wrap Party Ages 18+

Winter is a time of year when many people give gifts, regardless of what holiday they celebrate. And isn't it mind-numbingly boring to sit on the floor in front of the TV, wrapping your gifts alone? Bring the gifts you need to wrap and connect with the community. All wrapping supplies will be provided to wrap your own gifts.

Registration is required; spaces are limited.

Outdoor Nature Storytime Ages 2-6

Join us for this special event to celebrate the Winter Holidays Celebration! We'll celebrate through songs, stories and rhyme, and a cup of warm apple cider (snacks provided).

Meet us at Central Park and dress for the weather! (weather permitting)

Cyber Tales: LIVE on Facebook Ages 7+ and

Tune in for LIVE storytimes on our Facebook page. Join Sarah, our Children and Youth Services Librarian for read-alouds. Stories for Big Kids (of ALL Ages) on alternate Fridays.

(videos available for up to 4 weeks after the live event to watch at your leisure)

Behind the Stacks Podcast Ages 18+

Listen to our podcast and learn about the library world, books, our community and so much more.

Coffee and Cards Seniors

Visit the library to play card games and enjoy a warm beverage. All levels of expertise are welcome. Warm beverages, cards and cribbage board will be provided.

Teen Hangout Ages 12+

Join us after school for Teen Hangout time. Spend time with friends, watch tv, play games, do some crafting or just chill.

Taste the World Club Ages 18+

New month new spice. Cook with the spice and join in-person or virtually to discuss what we made. Share tips, recipes ad opinions.

Pick up your spice kit* at the library front desk. Supplies

AHS Injury Prevention All Ages

Join us for a safety presentation.

On Wednesday December 14 explore how to stay safe (and warm) this winter season. Some topics we will cover include dressing for the weather, navigating ice and other obstacles, recognizing and treating cold-related injuries, and staying safe during winter sports.

This program is presented by Alberta Health Services

Spruce Grove Seed Library Adults and Seniors

The Spruce Grove Seed Library is an ongoing community project. Our goal is to give everyone access to seeds to grow flowers and vegetables. Learn how to donate seeds and more at sgpl.ca.

Holiday Rock Painting All Ages

Make this festive season rock! Join us for a special program where we will take ordinary rocks and make them look amazing with fun and colourful designs. We will go through simple steps to create unique and special art. Great for room décor, or as a special gift.

All ages and skill levels welcome!

Program age recommendations are simply a guideline for content.

SGPL welcomes all community members to participate in our events, regardless of age or ability!
Walk-ins are welcome if space allows for registered programs (i.e. no-shows).

Reminder: Children ages 11 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver in the library.

Tech Bowl All Ages

Splash into our Tech Bowl this season! Explore and play with some of your favourite tech such as OSMO, OZOBOTS, iPads, video game consoles and classics such as our retro tech.

New Hours: Tues 12-8pm:

Thurs 12-5pm; Sat 1-5pm

(hours may be subject to change)

Community Craft All Ages

New month new craft. Come and pick up your December Take & Make kit* at the library front desk. This month we will be offering take home crafts that celebrate our Winter Holidays Celebration! *While supplies last

Talking Circles All Ages

Join our Talking Circle as we share various gifts, wisdom, stories and teachings from our local Indigenous community and neighbours. Participants can expect to establish a sense of community in a safe, sacred space while gaining a mutual understanding of one another regardless of their various backgrounds.

This program will be held at the Spruce Grove Public Library and light refreshments will be provided. This program is presented in partnership with the Spruce Grove FCSS.

Furry Friend Visit All Ages

Spend time with a pet therapy dog—read together or just spend some time relaxing with a new friend. Alternate Tuesdays September 13 - December 6.

Winter Solstice Giving Tree All Ages

TAWOW! Welcome to the Solstice Giving Tree, set up to celebrate Winter Solstice—the shortest day of the year. After December 21st, the light comes back and Indigenous people know the days are getting longer. The bowl under is a new idea and to signify the importance of giving in Indigenous culture. Please allow the bowl to stay in place to hold gifts from Dec. 1 to Dec. 21.



Get your kids involved - check out programs at the Tri-Leisure.

Our Fall 2022 Program Guide is now available here at this <u>LINK</u> or download a PDF copy <u>here</u>.

You may qualify for a subsidized pass - check out Wishing You Wellness at

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Funding is available!! Your family may be eligible!

KidSport Parkland https://kidsportcanada.ca/alberta/parkland/

We provide grants to help cover the costs of registration fees so that all kids aged 18 and under in Parkland can play a season of sport. Our chapter accepts applications and administers grants of up to \$300 per child/year, for kids who live in Parkland, or in one of the other communities we serve.



Reach out to our community



B.I.L.Y

BILY (Because I Love You) Support Group BILY is a nationwide network of parents who meet weekly. People who are struggling with issues occurring within their homes, and/or within their lives. The group works with parents who have children of all ages. Groups are run by parents who have worked through the BILY program and have been successful with it

Ongoing: Tuesdays 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Stony Plain FCSS Youth Centre 4902 – 51 Avenue, Stony Plain

Free To register: 780-245-2459

Caring Friends is a confidential and informal bereavement support group led by trained bereavement volunteers. Participants have an opportunity to share their feelings and understand the emotions associated with grief in a safe, supportive environment.

Our grief support group is meeting in person again. Please register for your spot - limited seating is available. Group meets the second Thursday of each month.

To register, please call: 780-963-8583



Caring Friends



Call APFA for more information 780-963-0549



FOOD HAMPERS

Parkland Food Bank

105 Madison Crescent, Spruce Grove Monthly Food Hampers, by appointment,

- Tuesdays 8:30AM-4:30PM
- Wednesday 8:30AM-2:00PM + 6:20-8PM
- Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM
- Saturday 8:30AM-12:30PM

780-962-4565 ext. 1

Wecan Food Basket

5600-50 St, Stony Plain Fresh Nutritious Affordable Food Basket Order by first Friday, pickup on third Thursday of month Monday - Friday, 9AM-4PM 587-338-1101

FOOD RESCUES

Auggie's Cafe

131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove Tuesdays 11-1PM

apfa Food Rescue

Family Connection Centre 5600 50 Street, Stony Plain Thursdays 10AM - 3PM Fridays 1-4 (Check facebook for updates)

Food for the Soul

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church 49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain First and third Saturday 10AM-1PM

Grace's Table

250 Century Road, Spruce Grove Second Friday of month 5PM-6:30PM

Community Table

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove Last Friday of the month

COMMUNITY MEALS

Auggie's Cafe

131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove Drop-in for take out bagged lunch Tuesdays 11-1PM

Food for the Soul

49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain Drop-in for bagged lunch First and third Saturday 10AM-1PM

Grace's Table

250 Century Road, Spruce Grove Hot meal to go for pick up Second Friday of month 5PM-6:30PM www.sgac.net/eventregistration 780-962-4700

Community Table

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove Hot meal to go for pick Up Last Friday of the month www.sgcconline.breezechms.com/form/communitytable 780-962-5611

BASIC NEEDS HELP

Community Helps Team

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove 780-962-5611 / 789-306-1955 helps@sprucegrove.church

NeighbourLink Parkland

Serving Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, Parkland County 780-960-9669 www.neighbourlinkparkland.ca neighbourlink.parkland@telus.net

Updated: October 2022

Learn Something New - free sessions for parents and caregivers

Caregiver Education Series - Alberta Health Services

To register go to: https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/virtual-education

Sleep and Your Family's Mental Health

These sessions will look at the importance of good sleep quantity and quality for overall health, the factors that interfere with sleep, and sleep scheduling. We will look at healthy sleep hygiene strategies and sleep environments that can prepare our children for a good night's sleep

Part 1: The Importance of Good Sleep Hygiene

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

For parents and caregivers of children and youth in grades K-12; for adults only.

Click to Register

Part 2: Setting the Stage for Good Sleep

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

For parents and caregivers of children and youth in grades K-12, for adults only.

Click to Register

Body Image and Eating Disorders

Struggles with self- esteem, body image and weight control are a common concern for both girls and boys. This session will explore some of the reasons behind these struggles, provide information on disordered eating and eating disorders, as well as discuss strategies for supporting teens towards healthier perspectives and habits.

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

For parents and caregivers of youth in grades 7-12; for adults only.

Click to Register

Community Education Service

Community Education Service (CES) offers upwards of 100 FREE, online presentations each year. Our expert speakers deliver timely, credible information and best-practice strategies to support the development and mental health of a child or youth in your life. (Alberta Health Services and Alberta Children's Hospital)

Jan 10,2023

Mindfulness: Supporting Your Child's Social and Emotional Learning ***please register using the poster only***

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Presenters: Allison Salazar, MA, School Counselling & Stephanie Sands, BSc. Psychology, Rocky View School Division & MHCB Stepping Stones to Mental Health

Feeling a little blue and not particularly cheery this time of year? You're not alone. In this session you will learn about mindfulness and take away practical tools that will help brighten these cold days. This session will explore the topic of mindfulness and how mindfulness strategies can support your child's social and emotional well-being. Explore how the brain's stress responses may impact social and emotional well-being and how to use mindfulness to calm the brain. Using mindfulness can lead to better focus in school, better cooperation with others, improved self-awareness, self-regulation, decrease stress/anxiety, and improve overall well-being. Register here: Poster

Jan. 24, 2023

Talking to Children and Youth about Consent ***please register using the poster only***

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Presenter: Heather Cobb BSc., PGCE (UK) Sexual Health Promotion Facilitator, Alberta Health Services

When we give consent, we give permission; we do it every day when we borrow a pen, consent to release of information and consent to personal touch. Children learn about consent in their homes with everyday interactions such as sharing toys and learning how to set boundaries. As youth grow, they learn about giving and getting consent in relationships. Talking about consent with children and youth can help them have healthy family, friend and dating relationships.

In this session, participants will:

- Define consent
- Learn ways to talk about consent to children and youth
- Learn how consent is the foundation for healthy sexual relationships

Register here: Poster

Jan. 25,2023

Teens in Trouble With the Law: What You Need to Know ***please register using the poster only***

10:30 AM - Noon

This presentation will provide a general overview of the purpose, principles and procedures found in the Youth Criminal Justice Act, and will address a number of common misconceptions about the criminal justice system as it relates to youth between the ages of 12-17. Participants will gain an understanding of the ways in which youth in conflict with the law are treated differently than adults, with particular focus on the areas of diversion from the formal court process, bail, sentencing and youth records. Register here: Poster

Jan. 26, 2023

Your Child's Suicidal Thoughts: What to think and say when your child needs immediate mental health care **Please register using the poster**

Noon - 1:30 PM

Presented by: Fintry Mooken, RSW and Janet Stewart, R. Psych. in Partnership with Eastside Community Mental Health Services

Anyone can experience suicidal thoughts at any age and for many reasons. Parents have a tough job being a consistent supporter for children through every developmental shift, change at school, extra-curricular success, or social failure. When you are extra worried about your child's safety due to thoughts of suicide, you might not know what to think or what to say. In this presentation, hear the facts about suicidal ideation and actions, what you can say directly to your child and other family members, and learn what supports are available to you as caregiver as well as for your child. Register here: Poster

Jan. 26, 2023

Youth Mental Health Diversion: A different approach to helping youth involved in the criminal justice system ***Please register using the poster only**

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Presented by: Paul Hawthorne RSW, GCM, MBA Student, Program Consultant II, Mental Health & Justice, Provincial Addiction and Mental Health, AHS

This webinar will discuss the following:

- What is the Youth PMHDP?
- What does the Youth PMHDP do?
- Youth PMHDP Eligibility Criteria
- How you can directly refer to the program
- Locations currently offering Youth PMHDP
- Other Youth Mental Health Diversion concepts and Initiatives
- Youth PMHDP Evaluation Results

Register here: Poster

Reach out for support in our community....

Youth Mental Health (Westview Primary Care Network) - call in for an appointment - 780-960 - 9533 ext 221 Community Connector - Michelle Enright - 780-217-4146 Stony Plain and Prab Gill - Spruce Grove 780-217-8701

Children's Mental Health -NEW Intake number 825-402-6799 (see next page for updated information)

AHS - Substance Use Therapist - Lisa Kimmerly - 780-868-1895

Parenting support (APFA) - Triple P Parenting 780-963-0549

Adult Crisis Response - 780-342-7777

Support Network Distress Line - 780-482-4357

Adult Mental Health Referral and Treatment - 780-424-2424

Parkland School Division - Family Support - Vicky Mamczasz - 780-668-7422





Telephone

Video Call (Zoom)

Lisa Kimmerly Substance Use Therapist Spruce Grove/Stony Plain and Area 780-868-1895 (text or call)

Meet in-person





Children, Youth & Families Addiction and Mental Health - Edmonton Zone **Community Clinics & Crisis Services**

General Information

Children, Youth & Families - Addiction and Mental Health provides a wide range of publicly-funded mental health services and support for children and youth (5-17 years of age) and their families, residing within Edmonton and area (and areas extending to central and northern Alberta).

Treatment services are generally provided by a multi-disciplinary team of health care providers. Our services are goal-focused. We aim to provide the right service at the right time for the right length.

Phone Numbers

Crisis Team:	780.407.1000
Northgate Clinic:	780.342.2700
Rutherford Clinic:	780.342.6850
Fort Saskatchewan Clinic:	780.342.2388
Leduc Clinic:	780.986.2660
Morinville Clinic:	780.342.2620
Sherwood Park Clinic:	780.342.3373
Spruce Grove Clinic:	780.342.1370
St. Albert Clinic:	780.342.1410

Intake Services

Intake Services:

Phone: 825.402.6799 Fax: 780.408.8776

Intake Services provide a single point of access to children's mental health services within the Edmonton zone. Anyone can refer:

- Parent or Youth Family Physician
- Community & Other Agencies

When a referral is received, a telephone screening interview is conducted by an Addiction and Mental Health Therapist. Based on the information received and the availability of other community resources, a decision will be made regarding the appropriate service.

Youth Addiction Services

Youth Addiction Services Edmonton (YASE) 780.408.8783 #300,11634 142 Street, Edmonton, AB

Rutherford Mental Health Clinic 780.342.6850 #202, 11153 Ellerslie Rd, Edmonton, AB



March 2022

Walk-In Services

Walk-In Service is available to children/youth aged 5-17. This service offers a 50-minute, solutionfocused, single therapy session on a first-come, first-serve basis with a focus on exploring a specific issue and possible solutions. Parent/Caregiver attendance is preferred to support the child/youth. Families can call ahead to determine wait times.

Locations and Hours:

- Northgate Mental Health Clinic: 780.342.2700; #2020, 9499 137 Ave, Edmonton, AB Monday to Friday 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (last appointment at 4:00 p.m.)
- Rutherford Mental Health Clinic: 780.342.6850; #202, 11153 Ellerslie Rd, Edmonton, AB Monday to Friday 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (last appointment at 4:00 p.m.)
- St. Albert Mental Health Clinic: 780.342.1410; 30 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue, St. Albert, AB <u>Wednesdays ONLY</u> 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (last appointment at 3:00 p.m.)
- Leduc Mental Health Clinic: 780.986.2660; 4906 49 Avenue, Leduc, AB Wednesdays ONLY 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (last appointment at 3:00 p.m.)

Crisis Services

The **Crisis Team** offers immediate crisis support through the Crisis Line (780.407.1000) to children/youth, aged 5-17, and their care providers. The Crisis Team also provides support to professionals in the community. Therapists will determine, together with caregivers, if additional services are required at the time of the crisis call. Available 7 days a week 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Emergency Department Resources:

- Stollery Emergency Department Physicians have access to a team of mental health specialists for children/youth who have an emergency mental health concern.
- Community Hospital Emergency Department Physicians will assess, determine a treatment plan, and consult as necessary for children/youth who have an emergency mental health concern.

Crisis Phone Numbers within Alberta (24/7)

Health Link Alberta: 811 (Health Advice and/or to locate a family physician)

Mental Health Help Line: 1.877.303.2642 (toll free within Alberta)

Crisis Addiction Help Line: 1.866.332.2322 (toll free within Alberta)

Kids Help Phone: 1.800.668.6868 (toll free across Canada)

or text 686868 or chat www.kidshelpphone.ca

Indigenous Help Line: 1.855.242.3310 (toll free across Canada)

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HELP FOR HARD TIMES TRI-REGION SUPPORT GUIDE

WHO CAN HELP, WHERE CAN I GO, AND HOW DO I GET SUPPORT?

I NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE NOW (24H)

Distress Line 780-4	82-4357(HELP)
Addiction Helpline1	-866-332-2322
Child Mental Health (8am-11:30pm)	780-427-4491
Kids Help Phone 1	-800-668-6868
Bullying Helpline1	-888-456-2323
Seniors Abuse Helpline	780-454-8888
Family Violence Info Line	310-1818
Sexual Assault Center (9um-9pm)	780-423-4121
First Nations & Inuit Mental He	
Hope for Wellness 1	-855-242-3310

I NEED IMMEDIATE HELP

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START?



24-hour information and referral line connecting you to social, health and government services.



or download **HelpSeeker**, onto your phone to find local supports and resources.

WHERE CAN I FIND A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT?

George Spady (men, women) 780-424-8335
Women's Emergency
Accommodation Centre 780-423-5302
Hope Mission (ages 16+, men, women) 780-422-2018
Youth Empowerment &
Support Services (YESS) 780-468-7186
Salvation Army (Transitional Housing, \$12/day)
780-429-4274

I NEED A DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTER

Alberta Council of Women's Shelters1-866-331-3933

I NEED DETOX SUPPORT

George Spady	780-424-8335
AHS Detox Centre	780-427-4291
Youth Edmonton Detox	780-422-7383

I NEED A SAFE CONSUMPTION SITE

Boyle Street Community Serv... 780-424-4106 George Spady Centre.............. 780-424-8335 Boyle McCauley Health Centre 780-422-7333

I NEED HELP WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR ADDICTIONS

Access 24/7 Addictions and	
Mental Health (adults)	780-424-2424
Youth Addiction Services	780-422-7383
Access Open Minds (youth 16-25)	780-415-0048
Child and Adolescent	
Mental Health Services	780-342-2701
Westview PCN Youth	
Mental Health Clinic (ages 11-24)	780-960-9533

I NEED HEALTH INFORMATION

Health Link Alberta (24/7)811

WHERE CAN I FIND FOOD?

Parkland Food Bank	
105 Madison Cres, Spruce Grove	780-962-4565
Auggies Café (Tuesday Free Lo	ınch)
131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove	780-962-5131

Spruce Grove FCSS #105 - 505 Queen Street, Spruce Grove, AB 780-962-7618 \$tony Plain FC\$\$ #107, 4613 - 52 Avenue, Stony Plain, AB **780-963-8583**





